Import of 1000 MW water reactor from USSR

2051. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement regarding setting up of nuclear power plants with the help of Soviet Union has been reached;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposed agreement;

(c) whether any offer for importing two plants of one thousand MW capacity was made by the Soviet Leaders during their visit to India; and

(d) if so, what is the total number of nuclear power plants that are likely to be set up and to what extent it will be helpful to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d) India and the Soviet Union have agreed in principle to cooperate in the setting up of a Nuclear Power Station consisting of two units of 1000 MWe Pressurised Water Reactors using enriched uranium as fuel. The details regarding cooperation, incuding guaranteed fuel supply, are being finalised under an intergovernmnetal agreement which the two sides are planning to sign in the near future This programme is additional to the programme of 10,000 MWe by the year 2000. based on heavy water—natural uranium reactors of our own design.

Induction of airborne early warning helicopters in Indian Navy

2052 SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for induction of airborne early warning helicopters in Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when these are likely to be inducted in the Indian Navy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Various options for detecting and destroying missiles and their carriers are continuously under review.

Further details cannot be divulged in the interest of national security.

Implementation of Narmada Hydel Project

2053. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families which are likely to be displaced due to the implementation of the Narmada Hydel Project;

(b) whether Government have drawn up any rehabilitation projects for the displaced persons; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c). Thee is no project named Narmada Hydel Project However, Narmada Sagar Project and Sardar Saovar Project on River Narmada, are likely to affect about 1.96 lakh persons of about 27 thousand families. Rehabilitation as per norms is being provided for their resettlement according to phased programme.

Public sector plagued by time and cost overruns

2054. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector is still being plagued by time and cost overruns; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have taken various steps of which mention could be made of the following:

— Intensive monitoring of projects by the Ministry of Programme Implementation through monthly/quarterly monitoring system;

— Setting up of Task Force/Empowered Committees for problem solving and speedy implementaiton of projects;

— Indepth periodical review of progress of projects by administrative Ministries and constant pressure on project authorities for expeditious completion;

— Close follow-up by concerned Ministries and project authorities with State Government, equipment suppliers, contractors, consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays;

— Inter-ministerial coordination and interaction;

— Issue of directions for ensuring continuity of tenure of project head until the completion of project and 2—3 years beyond to ensure accountability for implementation.

Defence collaboration with U.S.A.

2055. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for defence collaboration with U.S.A. and her western allies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) It is proposed to expand defence cooperation along the lines which have already been established in working together with the United States of America on certain Defence related technologies, such as Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Project. It is also proposed to explore and identify other areas of Defence cooperation. It will not be in the national interest to disclose further details.

Allocation of amount for economic development in West Bengal

2056. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2009 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th November, 1987 and state:

(a) the amount of money promised by the Prime Minister in September, 1986 for West Bengal for the economic development of the State:

(b) the breakup of such financial assistances under each head; and

(c) how far these promises or assurances have since been implemented till date?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) A Statement is enclosed, as annexure. (*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 85)

XMP—14 Super Computer

2057. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 1057 given in Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the commercial negotiations with the manufacturers of XMP-14 Super Computer have since been completed;

(b) whether all arrangements regarding the purchase of the super computer have since been finalised; and

(c) if so, the details of the arrangements?